

Meeting minutes for Parks and Recreation Commissioners June 16, 2003 6:30 PM

Motion made by Lynn Rehn to appoint chair person based on seniority on the Board. Joyce and John suggested 1 year term to be included in the motion. Motion passed. John Rossi being the most senior Commissioner present and not the current Chairperson, was duly nominated by Lynn, seconded by Pat and unanimously elected by the Commission. Minutes are to be kept by each Commissioner on a rotating schedule starting with the letter A. If a commissioner is unable to fulfill the obligation it is their responsibility to exchange with another commissioner. Pat approved the motion and Tom seconded. Motion passed.

Public comment:

Mary Doerre, who lives across from Ebright Creek, handed out a flyer on the park there. She wants to place the ball fields in the Commons, where the chicken coops are currently located. Mary also wanted us to consider the impact the 9th grade campus in Issaquah will have in respect to field availability for the Citizens of Sammamish.

Mary Wilkens, feels environmentally that water will have an derogatory impact regardless of retention ponds, and that the water will overflow into Lake Sammamish and other areas. Mary also presented visual aids of the Chicken Coops and blocks representing space she perceives as available for ball fields at the Commons. Mary questioned the costs of building a retaining wall vs retention ponds as well as mitigation.

New Home owner Christina Klein and her fiancé Matt, purchased a home on property adjacent to Ebright Creek a few weeks ago They are concerned about trees and a parking lot being next to this new home.

Mary Doerre spoke again, asking if we had considered moving the parking lot over some. Matt asked for a timeline of SEPA.

(This is extremely condensed; the actual time involved in this meeting's public comment was in excess of 35 minutes for three people.)

Joyce asked about landscaping expert being in charge of parks as well as city street scapes. Jeff said an arborist was the type of person most desired.

Ongoing business:

Commons Tour and Public open house on June 7th was discussed. Numbers of about 200 people attended and made positive comments and expressed impatience as to when building would begin. No negative comments were heard or expressed by those in attendance. General public consensus is that plan B was the preferred plan which is also what the Commissioners had agreed on previously.

Jeff addressed the request for review by the homeowners present in regards to costing out the comparison of ball fields being included in the Ebright Creek plans vs The Sammamish Commons, and that our findings be presented to the City Council on July 1st in the City Managers time allotment. Tom made mention and discussion was given as to previous meetings when we had carefully considered with expert guidance the need for fields vs cost and mitigation in the Commons area. He also said that included in the public comment from the open house was the excitement over the sports meadow area where the coops are currently. In conclusion of this discussion Tom expressed that plans as currently made in Plan B , would best represent our research and time as well as the public comment received at the Open House.

SEPA and public review are occurring for Ebright Creek. Mary Anne made comment addressing our question as to length of Appeals, she remarked that in her experience, that of the 2 appeals that she is involved in currently, they are taking between two and five years for progress on the parks and land effected by the appeals.

Pine Lake Park. Phase 1's budget of 1 million is now at 1.2 million. The plans for this phase are circulating through the city departments for review. Then SEPA.

At 7:40 Chris and Cornell arrived.

Lynn from City Parks and Recreation passed out papers addressing programs that are currently missing from our City Parks and Rec department. A need to prioritize was mentioned. Teens and special populations were two of these priorities.

Summer Events are excellent with two more events offered this year. Posters and flyers were handed round the table.

New business:

Tom mentioned that at the Open House a need for Parks Commissioners to have name badges arose.

Jeff passed around information in the form of an email form Bente Pasko about Laughing Jacobs Creek

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Paul discussed reasonable time amounts for public comment. Chris proposed using the bylaws guidelines which are 3 minutes per person for those who pre register. An egg timer is elected to keep track of the time. Any further comment by each person exceeding the 3 minutes needs to be submitted in writing.

Joyce proposed making a designated email address through the city as a point of contact for the public to make their desires and needs known to park commissioners as another venue for them to use aside from our meetings, open houses, and park walks.

Lynn from the Parks and Recreation Dept. spoke to the draft of a Recreation guide to be refined and hopefully be out to the public describing services and venues by this fall.

John requested a motion to adjourn the meeting which Lynn Rehn did Chris 2nded and the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted for your review,

Lynn Rehn